

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District

For the Year 1903.




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Medical Officer of Health.



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Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Poulton-le-Fylde
Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I am much pleased to submit my second Report, *viz.*, that of 1903, as I consider it reveals a very healthy state of our Urban District.

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.—On account of so many houses being empty I consider I am still justified in gauging the population at the figures of last year, *viz.*, 2,223. The acreage of the district is 914,529.

BIRTHS.—There have been 67 births registered as against 59 last year, and this time the boys number 39 and the girls 28. This gives an average of 30.1, as against 26.5 last year, per 1,000 per annum.

DEATHS.—A total of 23 deaths have been registered, being 10 less than last year. This gives a death-rate per 1,000 per annum of 10.3. Last year the death-rate was 14.8.

One death occurred from diphtheria, and one case reported recovered.

PHTHISIS.—There is mentioned by registration one death from phthisis pulmonalis, aged 27; one 3 years old from tubercular meningitis; and one 14 months old returned as chronic tubercular phthisis.

As is usually the case in our district a good proportion of deaths are registered as senile decay, or such combined with heart disease. No fewer than 8 cases occurred above 70 years of age, and no less than 7 of these belonged to the class mentioned. Eight died above 70, giving no less than an average age of 82 years.

There were 4 deaths under one year of age, *i.e.*, an infant mortality of 59.7 per 1,000 of registered births, as against 101.6 last year. The average age of these four infants was less than three months.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Seven cases were notified in 1903.

One death occurred from diphtheria.

SCARLET FEVER.—Five reported, no deaths.

DIPHTHERIA.—Two reported, one death.

ENTERIC.—No cases reported.

MEASLES.—Towards the latter end of the year an epidemic was so prevalent that both large schools were closed, still, I am glad to say, there were no deaths.

SMALLPOX.—Nil.

Two cases of scarlet fever were removed to Moss Side Hospital, and returned well.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The debris has been removed from Cock-pit Court, and much improvement has been effected in the cleanli-

ness thereof. The privies situated behind King's Arms Hotel have either been done away with or converted into water-closets.

The Sewers are in good condition, having been well flushed by man and nature.

The three remaining Slaughter-houses have always been found on irregular visits to be clean and sweet.

The Bake-houses, shippens, and milk-houses have been seen to be in good condition.

INSANITARY PROPERTY.—This is being, in most cases attended to by the proprietors, and several cottages have been taken down. Still there is more to do. Several sinks not being in compliance with the law have been remedied.

WATER SUPPLY.—This has been plentiful and good.

SCAVENGING.—The Scavenging has been, I think, more expeditiously done, and the material has been under cover whilst being carted to the tip.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.—The Factories and Workshops have been regularly inspected, and I am glad to report no accidents.

In conclusion,

Gentlemen,

I am, yours faithfully,

JAMES ANDERSON, M.B., &c.,

February, 1904.

M.O.H., Poulton.

TABLE 1.—*Vital Statistics of Urban District of Poulton-le-Fylde during 1903.*

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.		DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.		DEATHS AT ALL AGES.		DEATHS AT ALL AGES.		DEATHS AT ALL AGES.		DEATHS OF RESIDENTS Registered beyond District.	DEATHS OF NON-Residents registered in District.		Total Deaths in Public Institutions		DEATHS AT ALL AGES.		DEATHS AT ALL AGES.		DEATHS AT ALL AGES.		DEATHS AT ALL AGES. NETT.
		Number	Rate*	Number	Rate per 1,000 births Registered.	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*		Deaths of Non-Residents registered in District.	Deaths of Residents Registered beyond District.			Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13											
1901	2,223	51	22.9	6	117.6	32	14.3	Nil.	1	Nil.	31	13.9											
1902	"	59	26.5	6	117.6	33	14.8	"	Nil.	Nil.	33	14.8											
1903	"	67	30.1	4	59.6	23	10.3	"	"	"	23	10.3											
1903	2,223	67	30.1	4	59.6	23	10.3	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	23	10.3											

* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13, calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

TABLE II.—*Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1903.*

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.							TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.			
	At all Ages.	Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.	65 and upwards	Fleetwood Sub. Dist.	Blackpool Sub. Dist.	Kirkham Sub. Dist.	Lytham Sub. Dist.
Scarlet Fever ...	5	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria... ..	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS.....	7	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

TABLE III.—*Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year, 1903*

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS IN WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.						
	All Ages.	Under 1.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.
Scarlet Fever ..							
Diphtheria	I			I			
Diarrhœa							
Enteritis	I	I					
Enteric Fever...							
Phthisis	3		2			I	
Other tubercular diseases	2	I	I				
Cancer, malignant disease							
Bronchitis							
Pneumonia ...							
Heart disease ...	5					I	4
Accidents	I		I				
Premature Birth	I	I					
All other causes	9	I	I			3	4
All Cases	23	4	5	I		5	8

NUISANCE INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Poulton-le-Fylde
Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report and Summary of work done for the year ending December 31st, 1903.

As my tenure of office only commenced in July, I am only responsible for the latter half of the year 1903.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

	Jan. to June.	July to Dec.	Total.
Total number of notices served by			
Inspector	11 ..	10 ..	21
Special Reports	— ..	4 ..	4
Drains opened, cleaned, and rec- tified	1 ..	6 ..	7
Back yards cleaned of filthy matter	7 ..	4 ..	11
New w.c. erected in place of old privies	1 ..	5 ..	6
New ashpits provided	— ..	1 ..	1
Drains subjected to smoke test ..	— ..	12 ..	12

WATER COURSES.—These do not seem to have been cleaned for some time, owing to so much water standing in them. It is hoped the farmers will clear their portions as soon as opportunity arises.

MODEL LODGING HOUSE.—There is one registered Lodging-house in this district. I inspect the house regularly, and have no complaint to make as to the manner in which it is conducted.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.—There are three registered Slaughter-houses in this district. These I often inspect, and find they are kept very clean.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.—These are fairly well kept on the whole ; I have no cause for complaint.

BAKE-HOUSES.—Alterations have had to be made to some of the Bake-houses because they did not comply with the Public Health Act, 1875. The Bake-houses are well kept.

NEW BUILDINGS.—Plans have been approved for new buildings, all of which are to be supplied with Fylde water, and the drains are to be connected to the main sewer.

SEWERS.—The Sewers are cleaned out and flushed once a fortnight in summer, and once a month in winter.

Your late Surveyor has drawn your attention to the necessity of ventilating the main sewers. I think it very necessary to have some erected, and strongly recommend the scheme he suggested, namely, three six-inch ventilating shafts from manholes in different parts of the sewers to ventilate same.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—There has been five cases of infectious diseases reported to me by the Medical Officer of Health, and in each case I have very carefully disinfected the premises.

In conclusion, I beg to thank those owners of property who have done work on the same being suggested to them thus not requiring to bring the same to the notice of the Council.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FREDK. L. WILSON,

Sanitary Inspector.



